

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA**

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National Policy for Silt Management
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposed to develop a National Policy for Silt Management to combat the recent rise in floods in the country including Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Jharkhand;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is aware that despite an allocation of Rs. 75000 crore for the Jalyukta Shivar Scheme the common people were requested to contribute for desilting of Manjara and Rena rivers to resolve the drinking water problem in Latur; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION
(DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) & (b) No, Madam. At present, there is no proposal to develop a National Policy for Silt Management to combat the recent rise in floods in the country. However, a Committee has been constituted for preparation of guidelines for works on desiltation from Bhimgauda (Uttarakhand) to Farakka (West Bengal).

(c) & (d) As per Information received from Govt. of Maharashtra, a sum of Rs. 2000 crore was earmarked for the Jalyukta Shivar Scheme during the year 2015-16. Part of work was implemented departmentally and the remaining work was implemented by reputed NGOs as voluntary work. Some of these NGOs were involved in Latur.
